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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office action dated October 21, 2002, Paper No. 9, amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 37-41 and amend the claims as follows:

1 1. (Amended) An implantable valve for a bodily passage of tubular shape,  
2 comprising:  
3 a support frame configured for expansion to conform to a wall of the  
4 bodily passage, said support frame when expanded providing a plurality

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